LDS AM – Frequently Asked Questions

Rights within Access Manager

Q – As a District Superintendent do I need to set myself up with administrator privileges?

A – No. As a District Superintendent you have already administrator privileges. Administrator privileges allow you to set up users within your district with access to MDAT. Superintendents can also set up a separate administrator in LDS Access Manager to help manage access to MDAT within your district.

Q – As a District Superintendent when do I need to set up a separate administrator?

A – If you would like to delegate the administrative responsibilities of managing access to MDAT within your district, you can set up another person as an administrator in LDS AM. Note that an administrator can only grant users within your district access to MDAT and cannot set up other administrators in LDS AM.

Access to MDAT

Q – As a District Superintendent or delegated LDS Security Administrator do I already have access to MDAT?

A – No. To get access to MDAT you must set yourself up as an MDAT user and assign yourself a role (tier).

Q – What tier should I assign a user when setting them up to use MDAT?

A – Users should be set up with the tier that makes the most sense given their legitimate educational need to see the confidential and secure data. In most cases, users will need Tier 5.

Role	Role Description	Expected Uses
Tier 1	Student level data, all variables, download option	Conduct in-depth analysis; combine MDAT downloads with local data. This is a VERY limited user group.
Tier 2	Student level data, all variables	Repeated short-term access to student-level information
Tier 3	Student level data, no economic indicators	Improvement planning; no legitimate need to know economic status
Tier 4	Summary reports, all variables	Need for aggregate student level data, no student-level information necessary (reporting)
Tier 5	Summary reports, no economic indicators	Data trainings, basic school-level analysis (i.e., School boards)

General Access

Q – When I am trying to set up an administrator for my district or a user of MDAT for my district, why can't I find the person?

A – All users need have a Wisconsin User ID (WAMS ID) which enters them into the Wisconsin Access Management System. Once a user is in the system you will be able to find them to set them up.

Q – How does a user get a Wisconsin User ID (WAMS ID)?

A – Please see [Data Access, Analysis & Reporting Tools](#) for information on each of the different tools, how to get access, and how to get a Wisconsin User ID (WAMS ID).